

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 1, 2014**

**ATTENDANCE:** Milta Feliciano, Co-chair; Richard Paoletto, Jack Banta, Council President  
Thomas McCarthy, Richard Salter

**OTHERS:** Rev. Janene Hawkins, Pastor of Walter's Memorial AME Zion  
Church, Council Member Denese Taylor-Moye, Council Member Robert  
Halstead

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Feliciano called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Committee Minutes: October 7, 2014 (Regular Meeting)**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE  
OCTOBER 7, 2014 REGULAR MEETING.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2014  
REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Approval of Committee Minutes: November 12, 2014 (Rescheduled Meeting)**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE  
NOVEMBER 12, 2014 RESCHEDULED MEETING.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2014  
RESCHEDULED MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**150-13 Proposed resolution requesting that further designation of honorary streets be  
delayed until guidelines are adopted.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 150-13  
PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT FURTHER DESIGNATION OF  
HONORARY STREETS BE DELAYED UNTIL GUIDELINES ARE ADOPTED.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 150-13 PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
REQUESTING THAT FURTHER DESIGNATION OF HONORARY STREETS BE  
DELAYED UNTIL GUIDELINES ARE ADOPTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**179-13 Proposed request that Gregory Street be given the honorary designation of  
Walter's Memorial AME Zion Church Boulevard with proper signage to be placed in  
designated area.**

Council Member Banta said that he had been working with the AME Zion Church for several months on this project. While he was not normally in favor of changing Street signs, this church has played a major role in the African American community.

Rev. Janene Hawkins came forward and said that the church was 108 years old and the oldest African American Church in Bridgeport. She said that the main building was damaged first in Irene and again in Sandy, so the congregation is worshiping in the community center until the church can be repaired.

Council President McCarthy said that he agrees with Council Member Banta and was willing to move this forward. He suggested that the resolution be amended to indicate the intersection of Gregory and Broad rather renaming all of Gregory Street.

Council Member Taylor-Moye pointed out that the church was one day older than Bridgeport. She added that it would be important to set up guidelines for street renaming. It was pointed out that there was a nearby intersection dedicated to Bishop White. A discussion followed regarding the dedication of the intersections abutting the church.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 179-13 TO INCLUDE “THE INTERSECTION OF GREGORY AND LAFAYETTE STREETS.”**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 179-13 TO INCLUDE “THE INTERSECTION OF GREGORY AND LAFAYETTE STREETS” PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 179-13 AS AMENDED.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 179-13 AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

City of Bridgeport  
Public Safety and Transportation  
Regular Meeting  
December 1, 2014